

**MINUTES**

**Regular Meeting of the Lompoc  
City Council and Lompoc Redevelopment Agency  
Tuesday December 16, 2008  
City Hall, 100 Civic Center Plaza, Council Chambers**

**OPEN SESSION - 7:00 P.M.**

Council/Agency Members Present: DeWayne Holmdahl, Ann Ruhge, Will Schuyler, Michael Siminski, and Mayor/Chair Dick DeWees.

Staff Present: City Administrator/Executive Director Gary Keefe, City Clerk/Secretary Donna Terrones, City Attorney/General Counsel Matt Granger, Assistant City Administrator/Assistant Executive Director Laurel Barcelona, Redevelopment Programs Coordinator Linda Wertman.

Lawrence Riemer gave the invocation and Mayor Dick DeWees led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PRESENTATIONS PRESENTED ELSEWHERE:**

On December 6, 2008, Mayor DeWees presented “In Appreciation for His Years of Service,” a City plaque to City Administrator Gary Keefe on his retirement after 32 years with the City, at the Lompoc Community Center, Lompoc, California.

On December 8, 2008, Mayor DeWees presented a City plaque “Presented with Heartfelt Appreciation,” for his years of service, to Lt. General Willie Shelton, Commander, 14<sup>th</sup> Air Force, 18 May 2005 to 9 December 2008, from the citizens of Lompoc, at Vandenberg Air Force Base, California.

On December 8, 2009, Councilmember Siminski presented a City plaque “In Appreciation for His Years of Service,” to outgoing Utility Commissioner Marvin Loney, at City Hall, Lompoc California.

**PRESENTATIONS:**

City Administrator/Executive Director Gary Keefe presented plaques to outgoing Councilmembers DeWayne Holmdahl and Will Schuyler, honoring their years of service on the Council/Agency.

**CITY ADMINISTRATOR/EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S STATUS REPORT:** (distributed as an informational report)

**STAFF REQUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

City Administrator/Executive Director Gary Keefe announced he anticipated the close of escrow on the proposed Lompoc Valley Senior/Community Center on December 23, 2008, and that Rene Vise has accepted the New Management Services Director position effective December 31, 2008.

**COUNCIL/REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY REQUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Council/Agency Member Holmdahl commented on cleanup of weeds in the City.

Council/Agency Member Ruhge announced that the Chamber of Commerce is selling a box called “Lompoc In a Box,” which contains items from various businesses in the City of Lompoc. She noted the Lompoc Firefighters Foundation is selling a cookbook, and thanked outgoing Councilmembers Holmdahl and Schuyler for their years of service.

Council/Agency Member Siminski announced that the Library is no longer collecting newspapers but they can be dropped off at the City Yard on West Central. He announced a meeting he attended and thanked outgoing Councilmembers Holmdahl and Schuyler and outgoing City Administrator Gary Keefe for their years of service.

**COUNCIL/REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY REQUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:**  
(cont'd)

Mayor/Chair DeWees thanked outgoing Councilmembers Holmdahl and Schuyler and outgoing City Administrator Gary Keefe for their years of service.

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:**

1. Caitlan Petersen commented on bringing new businesses in to the City of Lompoc.
2. John Lawrence spoke on WiFi meter reading and funding. He supports the proposed wind power farm project.
3. Donna Reyes Chandler commented on pit bulls in Mesa Oaks and would like to see them banned from the City or given a large fine.
4. Ray Leslie commented on the process of obtaining permits and bringing new businesses in the City.

Mayor DeWees noted that if desired by Council, the dog issue can be brought back to Council for discussion at a future date.

City Administrator Gary Keefe stated that the City of Lompoc has an ordinance for vicious animals and that Mesa Oaks is County jurisdiction. The County has tried to pass an ordinance similar to Lompoc but it failed due to public opposition.

**CONSENT CALENDAR:**

**ACTION:** Motion/Second: Holmdahl/Schuyler. By a unanimous vote, the City Council/Agency:

CITY/RDA 1. Approved Minutes of the Lompoc City Council and Lompoc Redevelopment Agency Regular Meeting of December 2, 2008.

CITY 2. Approved expenditures for:  
Payroll of 11/24/08 - \$1,437,189.17  
Voucher Register of 12/05/08 - \$723,633.58\*  
Voucher Register of 11/26/08 - \$802,640.15  
Credit Refunds of 12/05/08 - \$2,667.32  
(\*Councilmember Schuyler did not participate in the vote for Ck#280120, Cut 'N' Clean Landscape Maintenance, \$4,075.77).

CITY 3. Adopted Resolution No. 5513(08), which recites the facts and declares the results of the Consolidated Presidential General Election held on November 4, 2008, as provided by the County Clerk-Recorder-Assessor and Registrar of Voters Certification of Election Results of the Official Canvass.

CITY 4. Adopted Ordinance No. 1554(08) Approving a Zoning Map Designation for a Site Currently Zoned *Planned Commercial Development (PCD)* to *Commercial Office (CO)*. The Site is Approximately 2.69 Acres in Area and Located at 1420 East Ocean Avenue, (Assessor Parcel Numbers: 85-150-17, 18) (Planning Division File No. ZC 08-04).

CITY 5. Adopted Resolution No. 5514(08), effective January 1, 2009, which authorizes the reestablishment of the provisions of Resolution Nos. 4968(01) and 6065(03). Resolution No. 5514(08) would reestablish salary supplements and payment of the employer's share of health, dental, life and long-term disability insurance premiums for regular City employees called to involuntary active military service with the United States Armed Forces and permit a paid leave of absence with specific time limitations as outlined in Resolution Nos. 4968(01), 5065(03)

**CONSENT CALENDAR:** (cont'd)

- CITY 6. Approved the appropriation of \$60,000 for the acquisition of five playground structures for Thompson, Ryon and JM Parks.
- CITY 7. Approved the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Between the City of Lompoc and the Western Electricity Coordinating Council, regarding Compliance Efforts with Mandatory Standards Required by the North American Electric Reliability Corporation for Load Serving Entities and Distribution Providers and authorized the Utility Director to execute the MOU.
- CITY 8. Approved the Amendment to the Agreement to Transfer Title to Real Property dated May 2, 2006, between the City of Lompoc an the Lompoc Healthcare District.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- CITY/RDA 9. **Redevelopment Agency Annual Report to the State Controller, Annual Audit, and Annual Report of Housing Activity.**

Redevelopment Programs Coordinator Linda Wertman presented the staff report and recommendations and thanked former Management Services Director John Walk, City Administrator Gary Keefe, Assistant City Administrator Laurel Barcelona, and the newly elected Board Members for their support.

Public Comment: None

Council/Agency Member Siminski commented on how extensive the RDA Program is, that these funds are available for RDA projects only, and legislation may be enacted to take monies from this program.

ACTION: Motion/Second: Siminski/Ruhge. By a unanimous vote, the City Council/Agency Accepted the Annual Report of Financial Transactions, Annual Audit, and Annual Report of Housing Activity, and authorized staff to submit said documents to the State Controller and the Department of Housing and Community Development.

**RECESS:**

At 8:00 P.M. Mayor/Chair DeWees announced a Recess.

At 8:10 P.M. the Meeting reconvened.

Mayor/Chair DeWees called the meeting to order and announced that the City Clerk would present the Certificates of Election and administer the Oaths of Allegiance to new and reelected Councilmembers.

**ELECTION PRESENTATION:**

10. **Presentation of Certificates of Election, Administration of The Oaths of Allegiance, and Seating of Mayor DeWees and Councilmembers Lingl and Martner.**

City Clerk Donna N. Terrones presented Certificates of Election and Administered Oaths of Allegiance as follows:

	Term Expires:
Mayor Dick DeWees	December 2010
Councilmember Cecilia Martner	December 2012
Councilmember Bob Lingl	December 2012

**RECESS:**

At 8:15 P.M. Mayor/Chair DeWees announced a Recess for refreshments to recognize new and reelected Councilmembers. The meeting reconvened at 8:25 P.M. with all Council/Agency Members present.

Council/Agency Members Present: Bob Lingl, Cecilia Martner, Ann Ruhge, Mike Siminski, and Mayor DeWees.

**STAFF REQUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Assistant City Administrator Laurel Barcelona announced the Budget Goal Setting Workshop will be January 30 and 31, 2009 and Council confirmed. She suggested Council consider Councilmember Siminski’s request to cancel the January 20, 2009 Council Meeting.

Councilmember Siminski noted that a Forum for newly elected Members is scheduled for January 20, 2009, and requested staff agenda the request to cancel. He also noted that a Northern California Power Agency meeting is scheduled on a City Council Meeting date on April 21, 2009 and suggested this should be agenda for cancellation.

**Public Comment:**

1. John Linn commented on agriculture in the community and suggested an Agricultural Committee be formed so that information can be brought to the City.
2. Jack Rodenhi acknowledged the efforts of City Council with the Old Town District, Aquatic Center, WiFi System, participation with NCPA and SBCAG, proposed Public Safety Center, support to the local wine industry, and local sales tax revenue. He commented on Councilmember Lingl’s nominee to the Planning Commission.
3. Ray Leslie spoke in support of Councilmember Lingl’s nominee to the Planning Commission

**APPOINTMENTS:**

CITY 11. **Appointment of Council Nominees to the following City Commissions.**

**A. Human Services Commission:**

Motion/Second: Mayor/Ruhge. By a unanimous vote, the City Council approved the following appointment: (term to expire 12/2010)

Applicant  
Connie Setlock

Nominated by:  
Mayor Dick DeWees

Motion/Second: Martner/Mayor. By a unanimous vote, the City Council approved the following appointment: (term to expire 12/2012)

Applicant  
Pamela Meadows

Nominated by:  
Councilmember Martner

**APPOINTMENTS:** (cont'd)

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**B. Parks and Recreation Commission**

Motion/Second: Mayor/Siminski. By a unanimous vote, the City Council approved the following appointment: (term to expire 12/2010)

Applicant  
Darrell Tullis

Nominated by:  
Mayor Dick DeWees

Motion/Second: Lingl/Ruhge. By a unanimous vote, the City Council approved the following appointment: (term to expire 12/2012)

Applicant  
Pat Brady

Nominated by:  
Councilmember Lingl

**C. Planning Commission**

Motion/Second: Mayor/Ruhge. By a unanimous vote, the City Council approved the following appointment: (term to expire 12/2010)

Applicant  
John "Jack" Rodenhi

Nominated by:  
Mayor Dick DeWees

Motion/Second: Lingl/Martner. By a 2 to 3 vote the motion **FAILED** to appoint the following applicant:

Applicant  
Ron Fink

Nominated by:  
Councilmember Lingl

Motion/Second: Martner/Lingl. By a unanimous vote, the City Council approved the following appointment: (term to expire 12/2012)

Applicant  
Robert Hamilton

Nominated by:  
Councilmember Martner

**D. Public Safety Commission**

Motion/Second: Mayor/Siminski. By a unanimous vote, the City Council approved the following appointment: (term to expire 12/2010)

Applicant  
Ned Payne

Nominated by:  
Mayor Dick DeWees

Motion/Second: Lingl/Mayor. By a unanimous vote, the City Council approved the following appointment: (term to expire 12/2012)

Applicant  
Bernie Federmann

Nominated by:  
Councilmember Lingl

Motion/Second: Martner/Siminski. By a unanimous vote, the City Council approved the following appointment: (term to expire 12/2012)

Applicant  
John Healy

Nominated by:  
Councilmember Martner

**APPOINTMENTS:** (cont'd)

Item No. 11

**E. Utility Commission**

Motion/Second: Mayor/Ruhge. By a unanimous vote, the City Council approved the following appointment: (term to expire 12/2010)

Applicant  
Christopher Hill

Nominated by:  
Mayor Dick DeWees

Motion/Second: Lingl/Mayor. By a unanimous vote, the City Council approved the following appointment: (term to expire 12/2012)

Applicant  
Robert Holloway

Nominated by:  
Councilmember Lingl

CITY 12. **Selection of Mayor Pro Tempore for a term of one year or until a successor is chosen.**

ACTION: Motion/Second: Siminski/Lingl. By a unanimous vote, the City Council selected Councilmember Ann Ruhge as Mayor Pro Tempore.

CITY 13. **Review of and appointments to Commissions/Committees/Agencies on which Councilmembers serve.**

The City Council unanimously voted, by acclamation, to appoint the following Councilmembers to the following Agencies:

Lompoc Valley Committee - Councilmember Ann Ruhge and Councilmember Cecilia Martner as Alternate.

Northern California Power Agency – Councilmember Mike Siminski as Commissioner and Councilmember Bob Lingl as Alternate Commissioner.

Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District – Councilmember Cecilia Martner.

Santa Barbara County Association of Governments – Mayor Dick DeWees and Councilmember Ann Ruhge as Alternate.

Transmission Agency of Northern California – Councilmember Mike Siminski as Commissioner and Councilmember Bob Lingl as Alternate Commissioner.

Breeze Political Advisory Committee (PAC) – Councilmember Bob Lingl.

Multi Jurisdictional Solid Waste Task Group – Councilmembers Mike Siminski and Bob Lingl.

**WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:** None

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:**

1. Will Schuyler commented on tourism at La Purisima Mission and suggested a Lompoc citizen or City Official sit on the Tourism Committee.

Mayor DeWees asked Mr. Schuyler to submit information about the Committee.

**COUNCIL/REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY REQUESTS, COMMENTS, AND MEETING REPORTS:**

Council/Agency Member Siminski announced a meeting he attended and requested that the Council meet to discuss the Budget Goal Setting.

**COUNCIL/REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY REQUESTS, COMMENTS, AND MEETING REPORTS:** (cont'd)

Council/Agency Member Lingl requested a three-month extension to the hiring freeze of General Fund positions be agendized.

**CLOSED SESSION – Utility Conference Room**

Council/Agency Members Present: Bob Lingl, Cecilia Martner, Ann Ruhge, Mike Siminski, and Mayor DeWees.

Staff Present: City Administrator Gary Keefe, City Attorney Matt Granger, Assistant City Administrator Laurel Barcelona, Human Services Director Bill Yanonis, Acting Management Services Director Rene Vise, and Human Resources Principal Analyst Beth Flamm-Overby.

Other Participants: John Walk

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:** None

**BUSINESS ITEM:**

1. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6, the City Council met with its labor negotiators to instruct them regarding negotiations with the bargaining units representing City employees.

City negotiators: City Administrator Gary Keefe  
Assistant City Administrator Laurel Barcelona  
Human Resources Director William Yanonis

Employee organizations: Teamsters Local No. 381  
Lompoc Police Officers Association  
Lompoc City firefighters International Association  
of Firefighters (Local 1906)

Also attending: City Attorney Matt Granger  
Acting Management Services Director Rene Vise

OPEN SESSION – Immediately Followed the Closed Session.

**ANNOUNCEMENT:** Mayor DeWees announced the business action of the closed session.

**ADJOURNMENT:** At 10:55 P.M. Mayor DeWees adjourned the Lompoc City Council/Redevelopment Agency Meeting to a Regular Meeting at 7:00 P.M. on Tuesday, January 6, 2008.

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Dick DeWees, Mayor/Chair  
City of Lompoc

ATTEST:

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Donna N. Terrones, CMC  
City Clerk  
Date: December 31, 2008